
BLACK ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Michael S. Styles, Director

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Prepared by Carol Shifflett

Minutes

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: 324 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, UT

PRESENT: Osman Ahmed (Chair), Abdul Malik Muhammad, Verdo Thomas, Amadou Niang, David Watkins, Edward Tanner, Koffi Djagba, Samuel Smith, Michael Styles, Carol Shifflett (Administrative Assistant)

EXCUSED/ABSENT: B. Safiyyah Usman, David Watkins, Debra G. Charleston

WELCOME:

- Osman Ahmed opened the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

GUEST: Manuel Romero, Community Relations Program Manager, Dept. of Human Services, (DHS) visited the council to address concerns of DHS not meeting the needs of Utah's ethnic minority Communities in relation to the Social Services. Their goal is to hire more ethnic minorities, in addition to soliciting ethnic minorities to serve on boards and commissions. They are seeking council and community members to network this information to community members. DHS is creating a standardized glossary of terms used in their office which will have a common translation for anyone seeking their service. Manuel has asked council members to assist him in meeting the demands of the community. DHS is seeking a person of color who has children that use multiple services to serve on the FACT Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Amado approved the Dec. minutes. David second. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Michael confirmed the visitation of Jerome Ringo for the Black History Month event. Mr. Ringo will be speaking at the banquet on January 24, 2007. Mrs. Mary Ringo will be speaking at New Pilgrim Church on Sunday, January 25, 2007.

DISCUSSION:

- **BAC Presenters for Adopt-A-School (February 2007)**
 - Discussed
- **BLACK HISTORY MONTH REPORT**
 - Discussed Partnership with the University of Utah
 - Discussed a letter of support for Karen Johnson who is researching education for African refugee's education and teachers attitudes.
 - Discussed the Family, Unity and Community Banquet with the Utah Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Keynote Speaker, Jerome Ringo.
 - Discussed partnership with 2nd Baptist Church
 - Discussed the need for promotion
- BAC members submission draft proposals for Feb. 10, 2007
 - Discussion

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 2007, 324 S. State Street, Suite 500, SLC, UT Conf. Rm 501 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:30 p.m. Osman moved and Verdo seconded. Motion carried.